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REPORT

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Foochow

1. In the port of Foochow, about one and one-half miles downstream from Mawei, oil tanks were located along the east bank of the Min River. These tanks were built before the Communists came to power in China. 25X1
2. At Mawei, the dry dock, about 300 feet long, was located on the west side of the Mawei peninsula at N 25-59.4, E 119-26.5, just above the tip of the peninsula. This dry dock was deserted and had had no activity since early 1954. No repairs were being made on the dry dock. There were no other shipyards in the Foochow-Mawei area. 25X1
3. The naval base at Mawei was not being dredged, and there was no indication that the dock area was being repaired. 25X1
4. Merchant ships moored in the stream for loading and discharging of cargoes into fishing boats and one-mast cargo junks. 25X1
5. No mine-laying operations or practices were being conducted.
6. According to local townspeople, the Nantai Bridge had been destroyed by the retreating Nationalist forces and was rebuilt by the Chinese Communists when they took over the city. 25X1

Chuanchow

7. The court from the pilot station at Chuanchow, located about one mile

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west of Passage Island (Shuitatao, N 24-50, E 118-49), was about west southwest for two and one-half miles, and then due west to pass midway between Tatoi Island (Tatsui, N 24-51, E 118-46) and Seatoi Island (Hsiaotsui Shat'an, N 24-49, E 118-48) about one and one-quarter miles south of Tatoi Island. Although the deeper passage was south of Seatoi Island, ships were not allowed to use this channel, which was described in the sailing directions. A course that slowly curved around to the north was then followed to bring the ships up the east side of the peninsula, which runs down southeast of Chuanchow. The anchorage was off Fort Hill¹ at N 24-54.5, E 118-40.5.

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8. The minimum depth for the channel into the Fort Hill anchorage was about two and one-half fathoms. No dredging operations were being carried out anywhere in the channel, at the approaches, or at the anchorage.

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9. One-half mile to the southwest of Fort Hill, trenches were visible from the anchorage. No fortifications or guns were located in the vicinity.

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1. Comment.

there was a bus route from Fort Hill to Chuanchow.

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